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FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

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In re:

MICHAEL R. WARE,

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BANK OF AMERICA

TOWN AND COUNTRY CHEVROLET GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

v.

Debtor.

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

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Adv. Pro. No.: <u>09-6007-</u>

Case No.: 08-62504-fra7

) COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF
) OREGON UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES
) ACT, THE FDIC FAIR CREDIT BILLING
) ACT AND CREDIT PRACTICES RULE,
) BREACH OF GOOD FAITH DUTY, BREACH

OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, AND FRAUD

COME NOW the Debtor, Michael R. Ware, to make a complaint against Bank of America, Town and Country Chevrolet, and General Motors

Corporation in an adverse proceeding within case number 08-62504-fra7.

By the defendants' breach of their duty of good faith to buyer/borrower and breach of their fiduciary duties, defendants' negligently caused economic duress and irreparable harm to plaintiff's livelihood and welfare through violation of the Uniform Commercial Codes (UCC) of the United States and the State of Oregon; the FDIC Fair

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Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act. Plaintiff, Michael R. Ware alleges at all times material herein:

Jurisdiction

Credit Billing Act and Credit Practices Rule; and violation of the

This matter comes before the United States Bankruptcy Court
District of Oregon and involves core and non-core matters and involves
parties inside and outside of the bankruptcy proceedings, of which and
whom, should be litigated jointly to reduce confusion and expense.

Parties

- 1. Plaintiff, Michael R. Ware, resides at 3491 Sterling Crk Rd., Jackonsville, OR 97530.
- 2. First defendant, Bank of America, is an international banking system and does business in Oregon with headquarters located at 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.
- 3. Second defendant, Town and Country Chevrolet, is an Oregon new car dealership located at 2045 Hwy 99 North, Ashland, OR 97520, Oregon Dealer Number DA 2399
- 4. Third defendant, General Motors Corporation, is an international fabricator/manufacturer and does business nationwide including Oregon through dealerships and parts businesses and its headquarters is located in Detroit, MI. and the mailing address is: General Motors Corporation, P.O. Box 33170, Detroit, MI 48232-5170

General Factual Allegations

5. On October 1, 2003, plaintiff walked into the Town and Country Chevrolet (TC Chevy) Showroom where a salesman named Scott asked the Page 1 - COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF OREGON UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES ACT, THE FDIC FAIR CREDIT BILLING ACT AND CREDIT PRACTICES RULE, BREACH OF GOOD FAITH DUTY, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, AND FRAUD

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plaintiff if he needed any help. Plaintiff stated he was looking for a 4 wheel drive pick-up truck preferably a diesel for heavy hauling that would pull a fully loaded 16,000 lb trailer. Whether it had a crew cab or not didn't really matter, but it would be nice. The salesman took the plaintiff around the lot and showed the plaintiff all sorts of The plaintiff was about to leave TC Chevy when he was told by the sales manager that a "Work Truck" was on its way down from Salem and to wait just a little while until it arrived. After what seemed like a two hour wait, the truck finally arrived. It was a 2007 Chevy 2500HD Silverado "Work Truck" with the trailer package. The salesmen said that it was the truck that plaintiff wanted, so we proceeded to negotiate and to finance the transaction with Bank of America which wasn't TC Chevy's first choice or plaintiff's either, because Bank of America didn't want to finance it under the business name, but plaintiff was told by 5 Star Credit that they would refinance under plaintiff's business name, so TC Chevy started the financing with Bank of America. The truck had an electrical problem with the speedometer and all the info wouldn't show, but the sales people said it could be fixed in a couple of days. was really sure how many miles it had on it, but they assured me that it was a brand new truck and they would fix the speedometer in a couple of days. So the finance/contract guy just put 350 miles down for the sale mileage and plaintiff agreed to that as long as the actual mileage could be determined within the next couple of days when they fixed it. Plaintiff drove the truck home, there was a loud screech coming from the front and it smelled like wires were burning. The next day plaintiff took the truck back to TC Chevy and told them about the problems.

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problems couldn't be reproduced and the speedometer couldn't be fixed Plaintiff was scheduled for another time. Plaintiff discovered he didn't have an owner's manual. Plaintiff was given his owner's manual three weeks later. Two weeks later Plaintiff discovered the bumpers on his "Work Truck" were 75% plastic. TC Chevy could not fix the speedometer either. Up to that point, all the mileage put on the truck was back and forth to TC Chevy. At that point, Plaintiff told the salesman that the "Work Truck" didn't have steel bumpers and it was a lemon and he didn't want anything more to do with the truck and he was going to leave it on the lot. The new sales manager told plaintiff he would have the truck towed to the impound yard and plaintiff would have to pay all the expense, if he left it on the lot. Plaintiff asked the sales manager if he'd like to talk to his attorney. The sales manager said not to do that because then he couldn't work anything out with plaintiff. So, plaintiff left TC Chevy and called to schedule a repair on the speedometer. The next time Plaintiff arrived at TC Chevy he was told that the new 2007-2008 parts that would fix the speedometer and the trailer brake electrics were defective and it would take time for GM to work that out. So, he was scheduled for another stab at the electrics and this time an older used part was used to replace the defective part and plaintiff finally received the owner's manual. The system finally worked, but the burning wire smell didn't go away and the mileage that ended up on the truck didn't add-up. TC Chevy offered to get Plaintiff another truck but couldn't do it in time to make it work for the monthly payments, which was approximately two months later. Plaintiff talked to his attorney about the problem in the middle of November 2007 and the

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first of December 2007, when his attorney sent a letter to TC Chevy citing the law. The letter told TC Chevy to contact the finance company and tell them about the problems. TC Chevy apparently did not contact the finance company because Bank of America kept billing the plaintiff. Bank of America called plaintiff after about two or three months of not receiving any payment and plaintiff told Bank of America about the problems and to contact TC Chevy about the problems followed with a letter that said the same. The representative for Bank of America told plaintiff over the phone that he would place notes in the account about There were no more phone calls about the matter, so the matter. plaintiff assumed the matter was taken care of. Then plaintiff received another bill from Bank of America and later that month the truck was repossessed in the middle of May 2008, but wasn't sold until June 24, 2008. Plaintiff had written to the GM arbitration department about the problems, but the only thing that was received back from GM was a couple of evaluation forms. It was like General Motors Inc. didn't care about the problems with their agents or their truck. Plaintiff sent the evaluation forms and they completely ignored the plaintiff and his problems.

Cause of Action

- All allegations in paragraph 5. are incorporated with the 6. following causes of action herein:
- The lender/creditor, Bank of America is liable for breach of a. its duty of good faith to forbear or to exercise remedies otherwise available to it. Bank of America also misrepresented and/or falsified information to the credit bureaus.
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- b. Where Bank of America received information that their was a problem with the sale contract, the manufacturer, seller, and the vehicle itself, having multiple problems that couldn't be repaired on time to make prompt payment to Bank of America available, and Bank of America ignored the information and failed to act with due diligence in a responsible manner.
- c. Where TC Chevy had the duty to disclose the problems with the vehicle and the contract to General Motors and Bank of America and chose not to, committed the act of fraud.
- d. Where TC Chevy provided used/old parts to temporarily repair the vehicle, and could not repair the vehicle in that manner anyway, since that was not the root problem committed fraud.
- e. Where TC Chevy chose not take the truck back after it was shown that there was a question as to breach of contract.
- f. Where TC Chevy ignored customers request and sold the wrong vehicle to customer and denied consumer rights to customer, and in all, caused economic duress.
- g. Where General Motors Corporation ignored plaintiffs request for arbitration and along with the other parties caused plaintiffs economic duress.
- h. Where General Motors Corporation manufactured and sold a defective and deficient product that was falsely promoted as a durable "work truck".
- i. Where, together, all three of the defendants separate and combined breach of their duty of good faith to buyer/borrower; breach of their fiduciary duties, including breach of warranty, defendants' negligently caused economic duress and irreparable harm to plaintiff's livelihood and welfare through
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violation of the Uniform Commercial Codes (UCC) of the United States and the State of Oregon; the FDIC Fair Credit Billing Act and Credit Practices Rule; violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act; and fraud.

Remedies

- 7. Above all, plaintiff should be given his good credit rating back with no record of bankruptcy. If this is an available remedy, plaintiff needs \$55,000.00 in compensatory and punitive damages and any other remedy the court may have or may deem proper and equitable.
- 8. If this is not an available remedy, plaintiff needs \$1,500,000.00 dollars in compensatory and punitive damages and any other remedy the court may have or may deem proper and equitable.

 Dated this 16^{th} day of January, 2009

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(Instructions on Page 2)			
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FRBP 7001(1) - Recovery of Money/Property 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other FRBP 7001(2) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property FRBP 7001(3) - Approval of Sale of Property 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	FRBP 7001(6) - Dischargeability (continued) 61-Dischargeability §523(a)(5), domestic support 68-Dischargeability §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury 63-Dischargeability §523(a)(8), student loan 64-Dischargeability §523(a)(15), divorce/sep property settlement/decree 65-Dischargeability - other FRBP 7001(7) - Injunctive Relief 71-Injunctive relief - reinstatement of stay		
FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection/revocation of discharge - §727(c), (d), (e)	FRBP 7001(8) - Subordination of Claim or Interest []81-Subordination of claim or interest		
FRBP 7001(5) - Revocation of Confirmation ☐51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) - Declaratory Judgment ⊠91-Declaratory judgment		
FRBP 7001(6) - Dischargeability ☐ 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1), (14), (14A) priority tax claims ☐ 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud ☐ 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	FRBP 7001(10) - Determination of Removed Action □01-Determination of removed claim or cause Other □SS-SIPA Case - 15 USC §§78aaa et. seq. □02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)		
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BANKRUPTCY	CASE IN	WHICH THIS ADVERS	SARY PROCEE	DING ARISES	
NAME OF DEBTOR Michael Ross Ware		ľ	BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 08-62504-fra7		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Oregon	HICH CASE IS PENDING DIVISIONAL OFFICE Eugene		NAME OF JUDGE Judge Alley		
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)					
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT			ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISIONAL OFFICE		NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTII	FF)				
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DATE PRINT NAME 1/16/09 Michael Ross		ORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)			

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the adversary proceeding is filed electronically through the court's ECF system. When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Parties. Give the names of the parties to the adversary proceeding exactly as they appear on the complaint. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys if known.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.